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Secretary Jewell to Join Members of Idaho and Oregon Delegations, Gov. Otter for Briefing on 2014 Fire Season Outlook

President's Budget Proposal Includes New Framework to Fund Major Wildfires

BOISE – On Monday, March 17, 2014, Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will visit the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise, Idaho for a briefing on the outlook of the 2014 wildfire season.

With fire seasons becoming longer and more intense, President Obama's FY15 budget proposes a new framework for funding fire suppression operations in the Interior Department and the U.S. Forest Service to provide stable funding for fire suppression, while minimizing the adverse impacts of fire transfers on the budgets of other fire and non-fire programs.

Jewell will be joined by Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter, federal fire officials and members from the Idaho and Oregon delegations who are championing the legislation in the Senate and House to reform federal wildfire policy.

WHO: **Sally Jewell**, U.S. Secretary of the Interior
Mike Crapo, U.S. Senator from Idaho
Jim Risch, U.S. Senator from Idaho
Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator from Oregon
Jeff Merkley, U.S. Senator from Oregon
Mike Simpson, U.S. Representative from Idaho
Raúl Labrador, U.S. Representative from Idaho
C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of Idaho
Federal fire officials

WHAT: Briefing on 2014 wildfire season and media availability on federal wildfire funding

WHEN: Monday, March 17, 2014
11:00 a.m. MT – Media check-in
11:15 a.m. MT – Briefing begins

WHERE: National Interagency Fire Center

Jack Wilson HQ Building
3833 Development Avenue
Boise, ID

NOTE: Enter through security gates off of Vista Avenue

Reporters wishing to join by telephone conference please dial (800) 369-1885
Passcode: FIRE

MEDIA:

Media interested in attending or joining by telephone conference are encouraged to [RSVP here](#)